



Map of Pony Express route from St. Joseph, Mo. to Sacramento; Deseret News page of April, 11, 1860 announcing the first express; an advertisement for the Pony Express announcing rates and need for riders. (Below) William H. Jackson's well-known painting of the Pony Express Rider.

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LATEST

ELIAS SMITH, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.
Wednesday, April 11, 1860.

The Pony Express.

The first Pony Express from the West left Sacramento city, Cal., at 12 p.m., on the night of the 3d inst., and arrived in this city at 11:45 p.m. of the 7th, inside of prospectus time. The roads were heavy and the weather stormy. The last 75 miles was made in 5 hours, 15 minutes, in a heavy rain.

The Express from the East left St. Joseph, Missouri, at 8:30 p.m. on the evening of the 3d and arrived in this city at 6:25 p.m. on the evening of the 9th. The difference in time between St. Joseph and this city is something near 1 hour and 15 minutes, bringing us within six days communication with the frontier, and seven days from Washington—a result which we Utahians, accustomed to receive news three months after date, can well appreciate.

Much credit is due the enterprising and persevering originators of this enterprise and, although a telegraph is very desirable, we feel well satisfied with this achievement for the present.

The weather has been disagreeable and stormy for the past week and in every way calculated to retard the operations of the company, and we are informed the express eastward from this place was five hours in going to Snyder's mill, a distance of twenty-five miles.

We are indebted to Mr. W. H. Russell for a copy of the St. Joseph Daily Gazette, printed expressly for Utah and California, with dates from Washington and New York to the evening of the 3d, and from St. Joseph to 6 p.m. of the 3d instant.

The probability is, the express will be a little behind time in reaching Sacramento this trip, but when the weather becomes settled, and the roads good, we have no doubt they will be able to make the trip in less than ten days.

The Union Academy

Was opened, pursuant to previous notice, on Monday morning, 9th inst., at 9 o'clock, in the large and commodious building on the east side of Union Square, formerly known as the Union Hotel.

Up to Tuesday morning the number of students who had presented themselves, was only twenty-six.

Two departments have been formed, thus far, including the whole number of students. The first department comprises the class mathematics, thirteen in number, which der the supervision of Mr. Orson Pratt, class has entered upon the study of Day's algebra being chiefly used as text.

The second department is under supervision of Mr. James T. Cobb, classes in the lower branches, namely, arithmetic, geography, history, &c. writing and other rudimental to not be taught in the Academy, for at least.

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In this connection school has been mostly known store, near Henry I. most of qualif bera He

PONY EXPRESS

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REDUCED RATES!
EFFECTIVE JULY 2nd, 1861

10 Days to San Francisco!

LETTERS

WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE
OFFICE, 84 BROADWAY,
 NEW YORK,
 Up to 4 P. M. every TUESDAY,
 AND
 Up to 2½ P. M. every SATURDAY,
 WHICH will be forwarded to connect with the PONY EXPRESS leaving ST. JOSEPH, Mo. about, the following SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, respectively, at 11:00 P. M.

TELEGRAMS

Sent to Fort Kearney in the mornings of MONDAY and FRIDAY, will connect with PONY leaving St. Joseph, WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS

EXPRESS CHARGES.

LETTERS weighing half ounce or under, freights to or from St. Joseph, Mo. 31 00
 For every additional half ounce or fraction of an ounce 31 00
 In all cases EXPRESS CHARGES are to be Pre-paid

RIDERS WANTED

Young, strong, virg fellows. Anxious for adventure and chance to see the great WEST. Must be expert riders, willing to risk death daily. Orders preferred. \$60 PER MONTH and up. Apply at above address



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